



April 2020

Featured Events

Crisis Response Conversations Continue

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm.

Thanks to the very many of you who have come to our past Crisis Response Conversations. These sessions are intended to be guided discussions on various timely topics as we navigate life and library service in the era of Coronavirus. Past topics include Online Meetings, Legal Q&A, Connecting to your Community, and Bridges. [View recordings and earn Continuing Education on the State Library Website.](#)



At this point, we have scheduled additional sessions (we will record these sessions):

- April 22 | 1:00-2:00 pm | eResources
- April 29 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Summer Planning (Size A, B, & C libraries)
- April 29 | 2:30-3:30 pm | Summer Planning (Size D & Above libraries)

[Register for an upcoming Crisis Response Conversation](#)



Director Roundtables Throughout May

Director Roundtables are going virtual! Find a date with your district consultant that works well for you to connect with other librarians nearby. Our theme for this year is **Project Management**.

Here are some topics we'll cover:

- Prepping for accreditation
- Developing better long-range plans
- Using password management software
- Using collaboration software
- Reviewing project management ideas from ILOC 2020

[Register for a Virtual Director Roundtable](#)

More Upcoming Opportunities



Providing Financial Literacy in Uncertain Times

Thursday, May 29, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Now, more than ever, managing money and being financially literate are critical skills for every adult – young or old. Eyeing a big divot in their retirement accounts, lack of an emergency fund and the tumbling stock market, many people now fear a lingering recession, permanent layoffs, business closures, and the ability to retire “okay” as the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic puts the brakes on the U.S. economy. This is the perfect time for librarians to be front-line financial educators – we have “reference savvy,” access to unbiased and educational tools, and a willingness to help be a counterbalance to high-pressure salespeople who may not share all the facts for good financial decision making.

This webinar focuses on how librarians can step in to help patrons, even if the library is also pinching pennies and under a budget crunch. It will cover free/low-cost resources librarians can use, as well as these topics: budgeting, boosting credit scores, identifying/avoiding financial fraud, investing resources to trust, and planning for retirement now.

[Register for the Financial Literacy Webinar](#)



Big Ideas Book Discussion

Friday, May 29, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

This month, our Big Ideas Book Discussion is *Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen* (2020) by Dan Heath. In Big Ideas Book Discussions, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management.

Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service.

[Register for the Big Ideas Book Discussion](#)

Self-Paced Learning

Free Nationwide CE Events

Did you know? The State Library posts a list at the beginning of every month of free events happening around the country which you can view online and earn CE. Most require registration and use different web conferencing software that may have system requirements or require downloads. Follow the links for more information and registration. If you do not receive an attendance certificate from the program sponsor, please remember to fill out and submit a [Learning Summary](#) to use as credit towards recertification.

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